GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL DRUG AUTHORITY
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to form the National Drug Authority (NDA), as a Centralised establishment with inclusive powers of drug regulation as reported in the Economic Times dated March 12, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter; and

(c) the time by when the National Drug Authority would be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has constituted an expert committee on January 27, 2003 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A.Mashelkar, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and Secretary to Government of India t look into various drug regulatory issues. One of the terms of reference of the committee is to recommend a new structure of the drug regulatory system in the country including the setting up of a National Drug Authority.

The Mashelkar Committee is expected to submit its report with recommendations within another three months.